

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An electronic instrument comprising an instrument body, a first operation unit and a second operation unit which are movable relatively to the instrument body, wherein

the first operation unit and second operation unit have exposed planes to be exposed in front of a front plane of said instrument body,

said first operation unit and second operation unit are movable between a first position where the exposed plane of said first operation unit, the exposed plane of said second operation unit and the front plane of said instrument body are arranged in such an arrangement direction as to overlap one another so that the exposed plane of said first operation unit is located in front of the exposed plane of said second operation unit and the exposed plane of said second operation unit is located in front of the front plane of said instrument body, and a second position where the respective exposed planes of said first operation unit and said second operation unit are exposed, and

said first operation unit and said second operation unit are connected movably to the instrument body and are moved relatively to said instrument body when they are moved between said first position and said second position, and

said electronic instrument further comprises a driving mechanism for moving said first operation unit and said second operation unit,

wherein each of said first operation unit and said second operation unit is movably and respectively held by the driving mechanism.

2. (currently amended): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein a recording medium inserting slot from which a recording medium can be inserted into the instrument body is made in the front plane of said instrument body,

said recording medium inserting slot is covered with said second operation unit when said first operation unit and said second operation unit are located at the first position, and

said first operation unit and said second operation unit are movable relatively to said instrument body to a third position where said recording medium inserting slot is exposed.

3. (currently amended): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein said first operation unit moves from the first position so as to leave from the front plane of said instrument body in said arrangement direction , and thereafter moves downward of said instrument body to said second position.

4. (previously presented): An electronic instrument according to claim 2, wherein said second operation unit moves downward of said instrument body from said first position to said third position and moves from said third position to said second position upward of said instrument body.

5. (currently amended): An electronic instrument according to claim 2 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said second operation unit moves from the third position to said second position after said first operation unit has moved to said second position or while said first operation unit moves toward said second position.

6. (original): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein immediately after said first operation unit has been situated at the second position, it is rotated around a first rotary center in a width direction of said instrument body so that the exposed plane of said first operation unit is oriented upward.

7. (original): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein immediately after said second operation unit has been situated at the second position, it is rotated around a second rotary center in a width direction of said instrument body so that the exposed plane of said second operation unit is oriented upward.

8. (withdrawn): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein when said first operation unit and said second operation unit have been situated at the second position, their respective exposed planes become in parallel to each other.

9. (currently amended): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein said first operation unit is removable from ~~an inner lid~~ a holder attached to said instrument body,

said ~~inner-lid~~ holder with the first operation unit attached is movable between said first position and second position,

when said first operation unit is detached from said ~~inner-lid~~ holder, said second operation unit is situated at the first position between said ~~inner-lid~~ holder and the front plane of said instrument body, and said ~~inner-lid~~ holder, the second operation unit and the front plane of said instrument body are arranged to overlap one another.

10. (withdrawn): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein when said first operation unit and said second operation unit are situated at the first position, their exposed planes are opposite to each other, and

while the first operation unit moves from said first position to said second position, it rotates around a first rotary center in a width direction of said instrument body so that its exposed plane is oriented in a direction reverse to that when the first operation unit is situated at the first position.

11. (withdrawn): An electronic instrument according to claim 10, wherein immediately after said first operation unit has been situated at the second position, it is rotated around the first rotary center in a width direction of said instrument body to orient the exposed plane thereof upward, and

immediately after said second operation unit has been situated at the second position, it is rotated around the second rotary center in a width direction of said instrument body to orient the exposed plane thereof upward.

12. (new): An electronic instrument comprising an instrument body, a first operation unit and a second operation unit which are movable relatively to the instrument body, wherein the first operation unit and second operation unit have exposed planes to be exposed in front of a plane of said instrument body,

said first operation unit and second operation unit are movable between a first position where the exposed plane of said first operation unit, the exposed plane of said second operation unit and the plane of said instrument body are arranged in such an arrangement direction as to overlap one another so that the exposed plane of said first operation unit is located in front of the exposed plane of said second operation unit and the exposed plane of said second operation unit is located in front of the plane of said instrument body, and a second position where the respective exposed planes of said first operation unit and said second operation unit are exposed,

said first operation unit and said second operation unit are moved relatively to said instrument body when they are moved between said first position and said second position

wherein a recording medium inserting slot from which a recording medium can be inserted into the instrument body is made in the plane of said instrument body,

said recording medium inserting slot is covered with said second operation unit when said first operation unit and said second operation unit are located at the first position,

said first operation unit and said second operation unit are movable relatively to said instrument body to a third position where said recording medium inserting slot is exposed, and

wherein said second operation unit moves downward of said instrument body from said first position to said third position and moves from said third position to said second position upward of said instrument body.

13. (new): An electronic instrument comprising an instrument body, a first operation unit and a second operation unit which are movable relatively to the instrument body, wherein the first operation unit and second operation unit have exposed planes to be exposed in front of a plane of said instrument body,

said first operation unit and second operation unit are movable between a first position where the exposed plane of said first operation unit, the exposed plane of said second operation unit and the plane of said instrument body are arranged in such an arrangement direction as to overlap one another so that the exposed plane of said first operation unit is located in front of the exposed plane of said second operation unit and the exposed plane of said second operation unit is located in front of the plane of said instrument body, and a second position where the respective exposed planes of said first operation unit and said second operation unit are exposed,

said first operation unit and said second operation unit are moved relatively to said instrument body when they are moved between said first position and said second position

wherein a recording medium inserting slot from which a recording medium can be inserted into the instrument body is made in the plane of said instrument body,

said recording medium inserting slot is covered with said second operation unit when said first operation unit and said second operation unit are located at the first position,

said first operation unit and said second operation unit are movable relatively to said instrument body to a third position where said recording medium inserting slot is exposed, and wherein said second operation unit moves from the third position to said second position after said first operation unit has moved to said second position or while said first operation unit moves toward said second position.

14. (new): An electronic instrument according to claim 1, wherein the second operation unit comprises a first operational input device, wherein a user can generate a first electrical signal for the electronic instrument by operating the first operational input device.

15. (new): An electronic instrument according to claim 14, wherein the first operation unit comprises a second operational input device, wherein a user can generate a second electrical signal for the electronic instrument by operating the second operational input device.